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Fig. 4 is a block diagram showing an internal construction of the appliance 1. The appliance 1 comprises the secondary storage device 111, main storage device 112, central processing unit (CPU) 113, ~~communicating apparatus 114~~, home network communicating apparatus 115, and an appliance control unit 203. Each of the appliances 2 to 16 also has a construction similar to that mentioned above. The CPU 113 executes the following processes in accordance with the program stored in the main storage device.